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Mr. Vernon L. Sheeley  
Heights High School  
Cedar and Lee Roads  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sheeley:

In reply to your letter of April 23, may I note that the paper to which you have reference is now under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and, therefore, we would not be able to release it or any part of it to you.

I am taking the liberty, however, of turning your letter over to the office of the Secretary of State from whom you may expect to hear directly. I feel certain that they will be able to assist you in obtaining material pertinent to the Japanese peace treaty.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Francis E. Meloy, Jr., State Dept.

5 May 1952

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Assistant to the Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Letter from Vernon L. Sheeley (attached)

Attached is the letter to which I referred in my telephone conversation with you on 30 April, as well as a copy of my reply to Mr. Sheeley. Thank you for taking care of this matter for us.

SIGNED

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Cleveland Heights Public Schools  
Heights High School  
Cedar and Lee Roads  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

April 23, 1952

Walter Bedell Smith  
Director of Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I teach World History at Cleveland Heights High School. At the present time we are doing research work on the negotiations of the Japanese peace treaty.

On Friday, December 30, 1949, President Truman presided over the National Security Council. He had before him a detailed "Asia Paper," which had been under preparation in the U. S. Defense and State Departments since the preceding August. Among other things, the paper dealt with the question of how and whether to proceed with a peace treaty for Japan.

Will you please send the "Asia Paper," if it is available and any other material pertaining to the Japanese peace treaty negotiations? The material you send us will be kept in our World History collection of important documents.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Vernon L. Sheeley

Original of this letter sent to Francis E. Meloy, Jr.,  
Office of the Secretary of State for direct reply.